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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6134

BILL NUMBER: SB 62

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 28, 2003

BILL AMENDED: Jan 16, 2003

SUBJECT: Commission on Abused and Neglected Children.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Lawson C

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Crawford

BILL STATUS: As Passed - Senate

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill establishes a Commission on Abused and Neglected Children and Their Families to develop a plan of services for children at risk of abuse or neglect and for abused or neglected children and their families. The bill requires a report not later than August 15, 2004. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Board for the Coordination of Child Care Regulation.)

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) The members of this Commission are not entitled to a salary per diem nor reimbursement of expenses for service on the Commission.

The Committee has 26 members in total, and four are nonvoting members. The Commission consists of:

- four legislators who serve as nonvoting members - two from the House and two from the Senate,
- one prosecuting attorney or deputy prosecuting attorney,
- one attorney specializing in juvenile law,
- one law enforcement representative,
- two children's advocates,
- one guardian ad litem or court-appointed special advocate,
- one juvenile court judge,
- one public agency children's services caseworker,
- one private agency children's services caseworker,
- one representative from the Division of Family and Children,
- one counselor or social worker from Indiana's at-risk school program,
- one pediatrician,

- one licensed social worker,
- two faculty members - one from an Indiana accredited graduate school of social work (shall serve as chairperson), and one faculty member from an Indiana accredited undergraduate school of social work,
- one county director to be appointed from the Indiana State Association of County Welfare Administrators,
- one foster parent who is a member of a foster advocacy organization,
- one adoptive parent who is a member of an adoptive parent advocacy organization,
- one nonprofit family services agency provider,
- one representative of child care institution providers,
- one psychologist who works with abused and neglected children, and
- one individual who has experience and training in juvenile fire setting identification and intervention

The Indiana accredited graduate school of social work represented by the chairperson of the Commission is to provide staff support to the Commission and pay for administrative costs. The school is assumed to be able to absorb expenses associated with this provision.

The Commission is required to prepare a report with findings and recommendations, and the presentation of the implementation plan for a continuum of services for children at risk of abuse or neglect and for abused or neglected children and their families. The Commission shall submit this report not later than August 15, 2004, to the Governor, the Legislative Council, and the Board for the Coordination of Child Care Regulation. The Commission expires December 31, 2004.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: An Indiana accredited graduate school of social work.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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